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## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 June 1962	2. LOCATION Rantoul, Ill.	12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 7/2310 GMT 8/0510	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Poss. Moon</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-4 Min.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE in the W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A pear shaped object, pinkish orange in color and size of a grapefruit was sighted in a westerly direction from Rantoul, Ill. Witness stated that object radiated from bottom and moved in what thought to be a westerly direction. Sighting lasted 3-4 min. Sighting occurred at 2310 local on 7 June 1962.		11. COMMENTS The object responsible for this sighting was probably the setting moon. Absolute time for moon set at the witnesses location was 2326. Absolute time at witnesses location was 2318. Direction of moon fm witnesses at this hour was 280°. Atmospheric refraction probably distorted moon and contributed to misidentification. On 7 June satellite was only 21% illuminated as seen from earth. Thus it was only partial moon which was distorted. Fact that the sighting ended at approx time	

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THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 15

AFR 230-2:

A. DISCRIPTION OF OBJECT

1. PEAR SHAPED
2. GRAPEFRUIT
3. PINKISH ORANGE
4. ONE
5. NA/A
6. RADIATIONS FROM BOTTOM

ACTION 1) E(UFO)  
2) 3)

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7. LIGHT RADIATION OR BEAM FROM BOTTOM. APPEARED TO BE  
LARGER THAN OBJECT ITSELF.

8. N/A

9. DISAPPEARING SPEED VERY FAST

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

1. APPEARED IN LINE OF VISION WHILE DRIVING HOME FROM WORK

2. APPROXIMATELY 20 DEGREES ELEVATION

3. 5 DEGREES

4. WESTERLY COURSE LEVEL

5. GRADUALLY TO THE WEST

6. 3 TO 4 MINUTS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

1. GROUND

2. N/A

3. N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

1. 0510Z, 8 JUNE 1962

2. NIGHT

E. 40 DEGREES 18 MINUTS NORTH - 88 DEGREES 09 MINUTES WEST, 2 MILES  
WEST OF RANTCUL, ILLINOIS

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IDZNTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER

i. N/A

j. JAMES A MAHEK, A/2C 5349TH INSTR SQ, CHANUTE AFB,  
INSTRUCTOR - GROUND POWER. GENERALLY RELIABLE.

g. WEATHER AND WINDS- ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF  
SIGHTING:

1. VR

2. SURF 066/05

6,000 100/09

12,000 090/06

16,000 140/05

20,000 130/10

30,000 230/16

50,000 260/16

80,000 N/A

3. HIGH - THIN - OVERCAST

4. 12 MILES

5. 10/10

6. N/A

7. SFC 10,000' 3 AND ONE HALF DEGREES/1,000'

10,000 - 20,000 2.4 DEGREES/1,000'

20,000-30,000 4.0 DEGREES/1,000'

30,000-40,000 2.4/1,000'

40,000-50,000 .5/1,000'

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. INSTRUCTOR, A/C MAINT OFFICER COURSE, CARL E. JACKSON, CAPT,  
USAF. NO KNOWN FLIGHT OPERATIONS AT CHANUTE AFB AT THAT TIME WHICH  
COULD ACCOUNT FOR SUCH SIGHTING.

CLIMATE AND WINDS - FLIGHT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF

SIGHTING:

1. VR

2. SURF 266/25

6,000 100/05

10,M 090/06

16,M 140/25

22,M 130/10

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50,M 260/16

80,M N/A

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